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TAGS: MILI, PINT, PO

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COUP ATTEMPT

SITREP NO. 7 AS OF 3:30 P.M. LOCAL

1. BRIGADIER OTELO DE SARAIVA CARVALHO GAVE RADIO INTERVIEW AT 3:15 P.M. SPOKE FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES IN CALM BUT OBVIOUSLY NERVOUS VOICE. OTELO SAID AFM COMPLETELY DOMINATING SITUATION AND HE SOUGHT THROUGHOUT INTERVIEW TO MINIMIZE EVENTS AT AIRPORT. OTELO SAID THAT AIRPORT SITUATION WAS RESULT OF "MISUNDERSTANDING" BETWEEN PARATROOPS AND ARTILLERY REGIMENT, THAT SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT THERE WERE COMMUNISTS IN THE REGIMENT, BUT THAT NOW "PERFECT UNDERSTANDING" HAD BEEN RESTORED.

2. OTELO REPEATEDLY APPEALED FOR THE POPULACE TO REMAIN CALM AND TO STAY OFF THE STREETS. HE SAID THE AFM DOMINATED THE SITUATION AND THAT PEOPLE SHOULD NOT SHOW HOSTILITY TO ANY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. IN SPITE HIS EFFORT TO DOWNPLAY SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION, OTELO ALSO APPEALED TO PEOPLE TO "BLOCK REACTIONARY MANEUVERS" AND HE STATED THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE (UNNAMED) FOR AIRPORT ATTACK WOULD BE SEVERELY PUNISHED WHOEVER THEY ARE.

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3. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OTELO INTERVIEW, RADIO CARRIED BRIEF COMMUNIQUE FROM OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES. COMMUNIQUE STATED: INCIDENTS AT AIRPORT RESULTED FROM REACTIONARY FORCES TRYING TO STOP REVOLUTION; GROUND ELEMENTS TRIED TO OCCUPY RAL-1 GARRISON BUT DID NOT SUCCEED; SITUATION UNDER CONTROL; POPULACE SHOULD REMAIN CALM AND VIGILANT; REVOLUTION IS IRREVERSIBLE.

4. COMMENT: AS OF NOW IT APPEARS THAT WHATEVER WAS ATTEMPTED VIA ATTACK AT AIRPORT HAS FIZZLED.
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